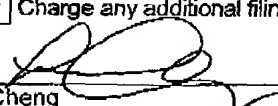
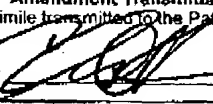


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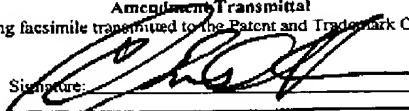
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2003 (Paper No. 112003), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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